

North Carolina Field Library
Raleigh

M. C.
Doc.

545-
1930-1931

Annual Report
OF THE

Colored Orphanage

Oxford, N. C.



JULY 1, 1930, to JUNE 30, 1931

Annual Report
OF THE
Colored Orphanage

Oxford, N. C.



JULY 1, 1930, to JUNE 30, 1931



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2010 with funding from
State Library of North Carolina

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

G. C. Shaw, <i>Chairman</i>	Oxford
M. C. Ransom, <i>Secretary</i>	Oxford
M. F. Thornton	Warrenton
N. A. Cheek	Elberon
J. W. Levy	Kittrell
I. C. Jeffreys	Wake Forest

ON PART OF MASONS

L. B. Capehart, <i>Grand Master</i>	Raleigh
-------------------------------------	---------

ON PART OF STATE

J. S. Watkins	Virgilina, Va.
J. W. Medford	Oxford
B. W. Parham	Oxford
W. T. Yancey	Oxford
F. W. Hancock, Jr., United States Congressman	Oxford

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. T. Yancey	Oxford
Alex. Peace	Oxford
F. W. Hancock, Jr.	Oxford
H. P. Cheatham	Oxford
G. C. Shaw, <i>Chairman</i> , <i>Member Ex-officio</i>	Oxford

TREASURER

W. T. Yancey	Oxford
--------------	--------

BOARD OF AUDIT

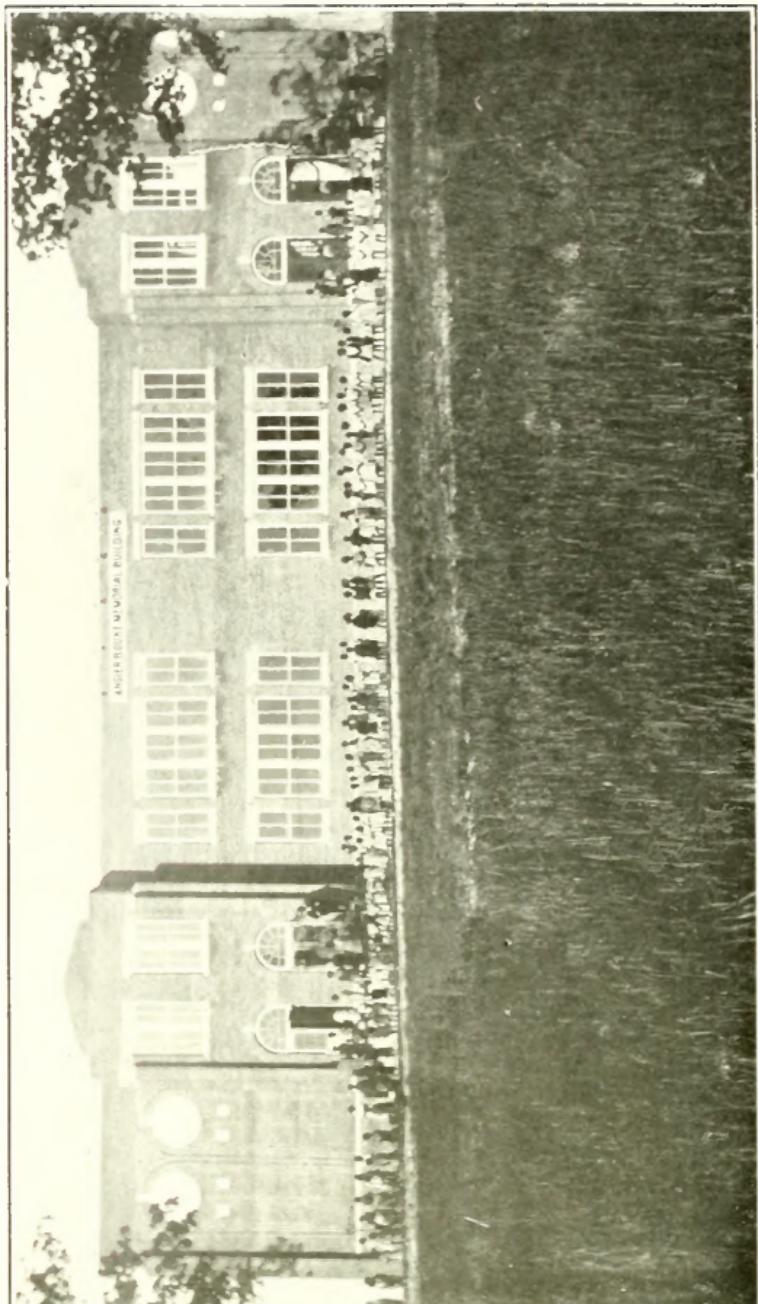
J. W. Medford	Oxford
C. S. Easton	Oxford

BUDGET OFFICER AND BOOKKEEPER

T. C. Harris	Oxford
--------------	--------

SUPERINTENDENT

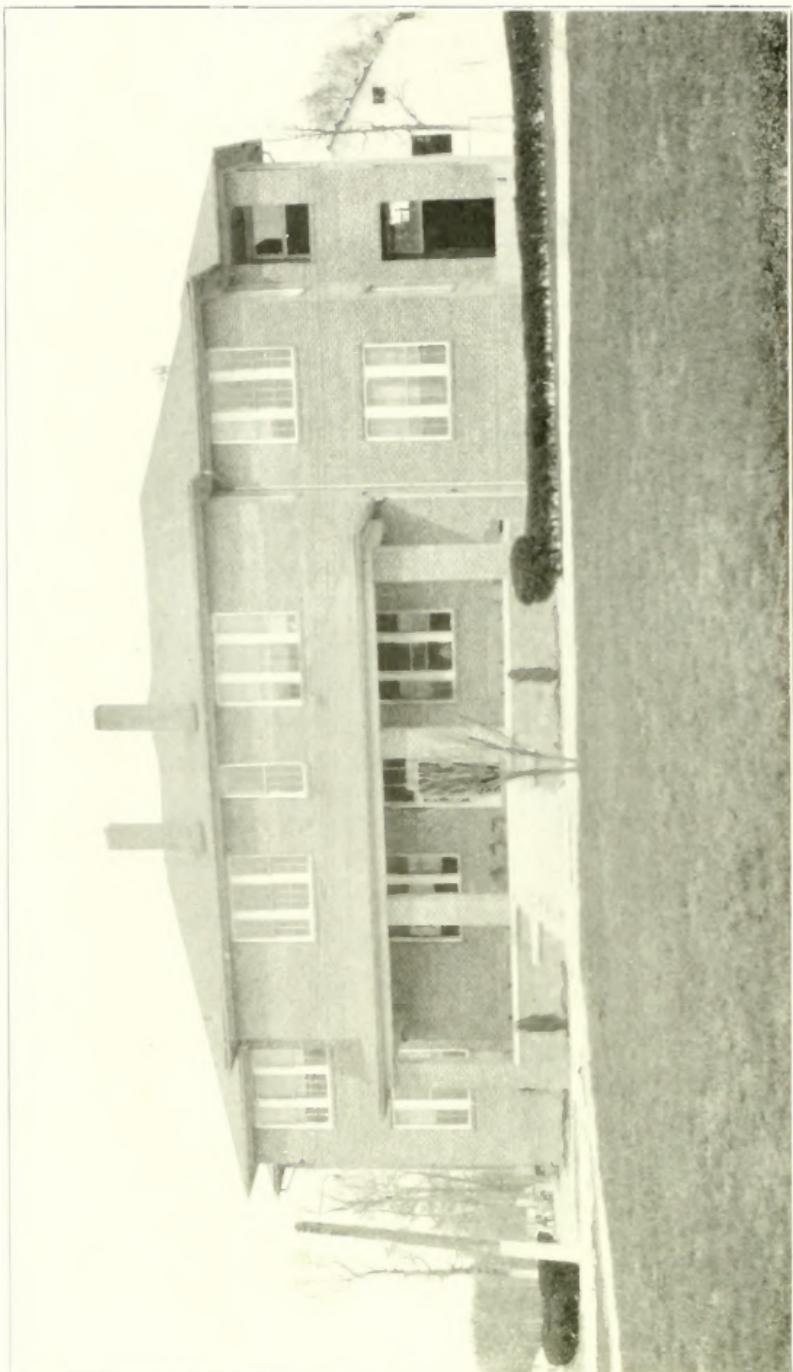
H. P. Cheatham	Oxford
----------------	--------



ANGIER B. DUKE MEMORIAL SCHOOL BUILDING

May the Colored Orphan Children of North Carolina and the friends of helpless humanity never forget the blessed tribute made by the late Hon. B. N. Duke and his son, Angier B. Duke, to the cause of orphan education at this institution.

Through the good will expressed by the Christ-like benefaction of these Christian philanthropists, and friends, this convenient and tastily furnished school building, constructed at a cost of nearly one hundred thousand dollars, was made possible for the unfortunate orphan children of the Negro Race of North Carolina.



BOYS' DORMITORY

ANNUAL REPORT
For The Fiscal Year, July 1, 1930
to
June 30, 1931

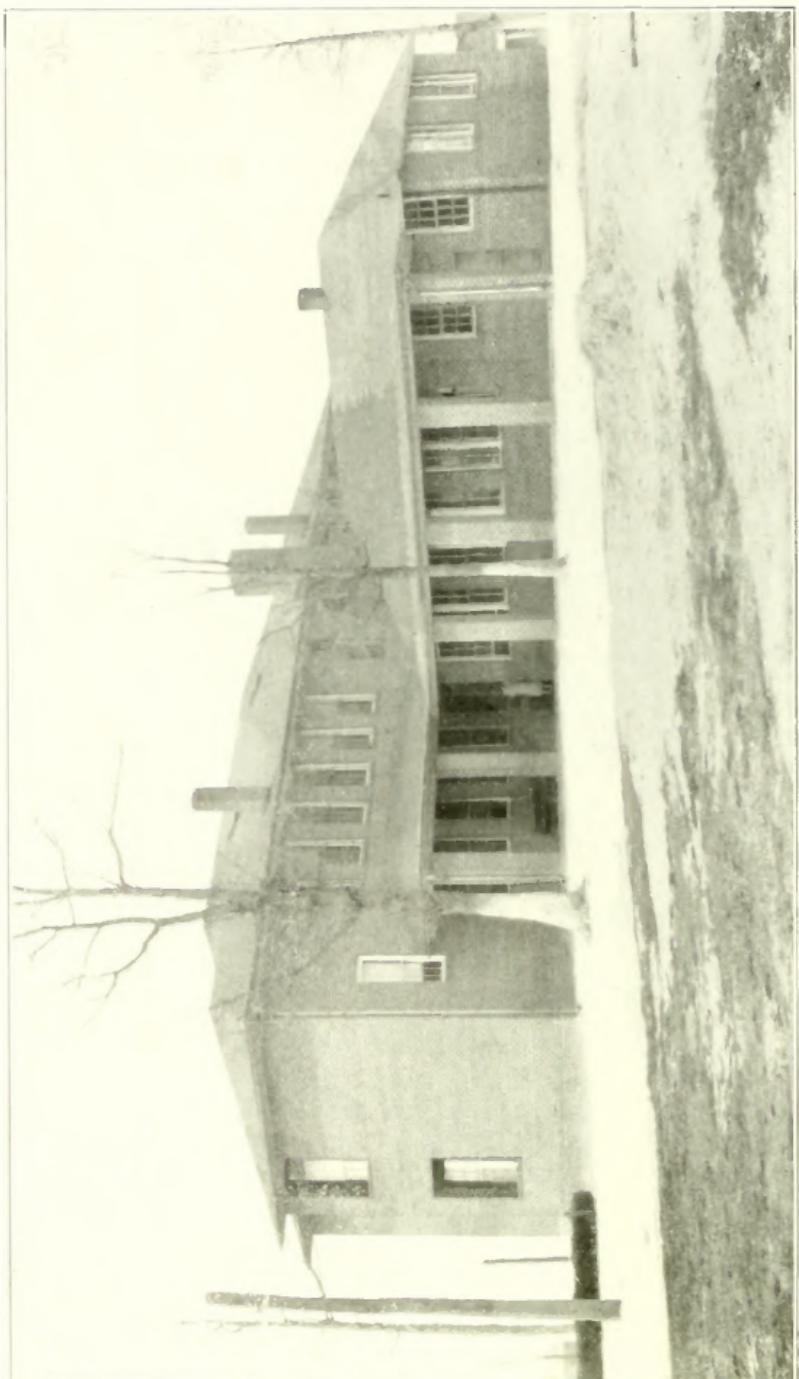
Gentlemen of The Board of Directors of The Oxford Colored Orphanage of North Carolina:

In reporting to you the operations and conditions of this institution for the past fiscal year, it affords me pleasure to be able to make the statement, with emphasis, that the strong and tangible lines, guiding and directing this sacred work, have not been broken, but on the contrary have been reinforced from time to time with the strength that comes from a firm determination and faith in the successful accomplishment of the objective for which we are striving.

The cause is indeed a worthy one, and the objects of the work might be set forth as follows:

1. Child care and training.
2. Maintenance.
3. Control and management.
4. Spiritual and devotional teaching.
5. Domestic and out-doors training.
6. School-room and dormitory discipline.
7. Sanitary and health building.

To achieve the proper results and to assure the necessary supervision and training essential for the development of the classes of humanity coming into the care of the Home, it is required that the work should be systematically organized, into divisions or sections, each headed and directed by capable, trusty and industrious helpers, who are thoroughly competent and have at hand that grasp of the conditions to be met, and the vital, though small, ob-



BACK VIEW BOYS' DORMITORY SHOWING NEW ANNEX

stacles to be overcome. This is indeed of great importance, to the end that the strong and fixed aims of the foregoing captions may be successfully attained.

CHILD CARE AND TRAINING

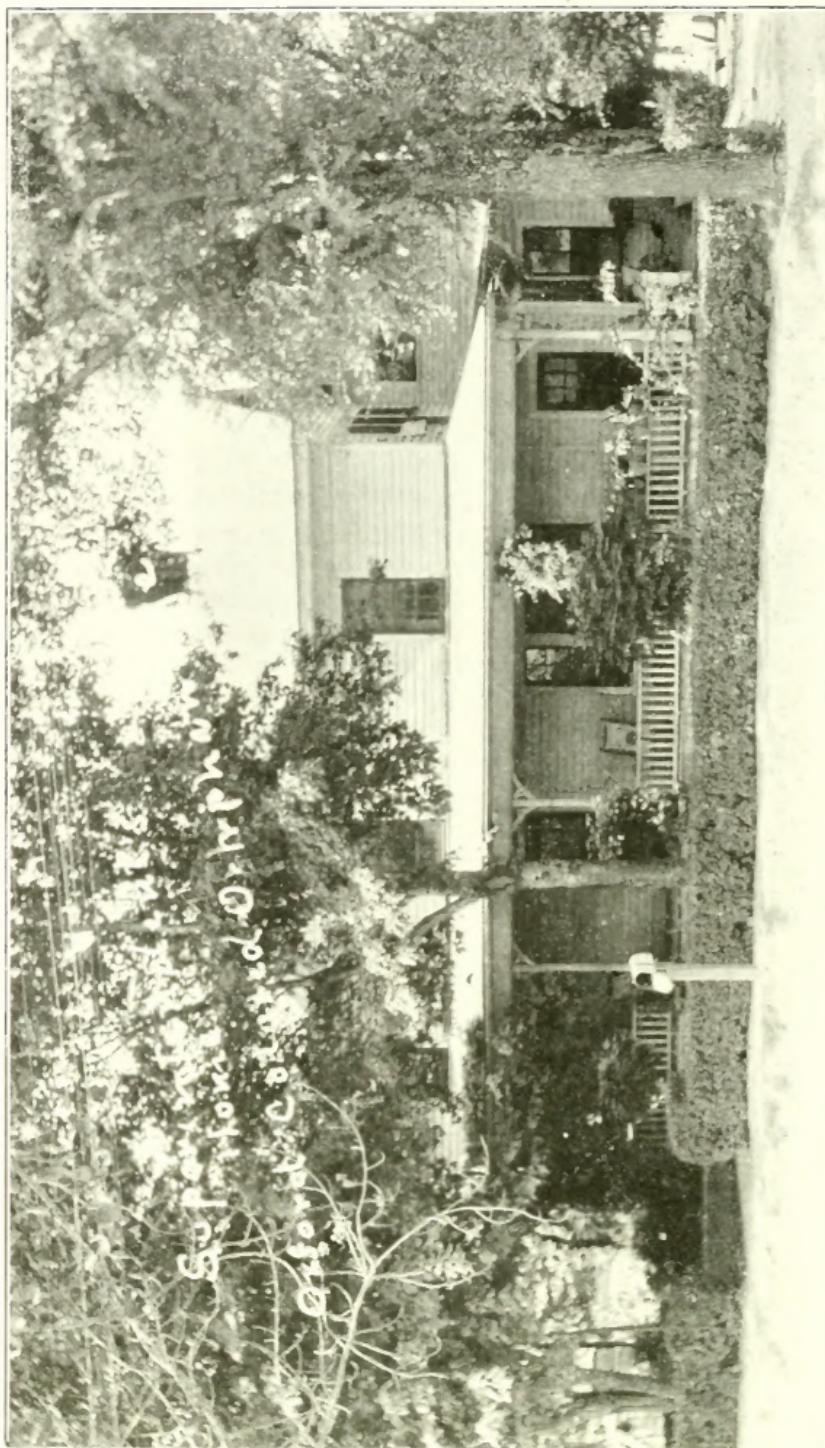
Too much stress cannot be placed upon real efficiency, untiring patience and eternal vigilance, so to speak, which is required of the matrons in charge of the boys' and girls' dormitories, the kitchen, dining hall and the laundry, for in these departments all ages, sizes and conditions of the entire inmate body meet for sifting, shaping and receiving at the knees of their foster mothers the quickening touch of love and parental admonition and advice.

The Orphanage can well afford to congratulate itself, however, upon having within its gates and in its employ a staff of self-sacrificing, industrious and prayerful matrons, whose chief training has been from experience received on the job here at the institution. From the moment of admission of the children, some of whom are babes in arms, the matrons have the responsibility of their immediate care, training and direction. A little army of nearly 300 untrained and irresponsible tots, most of whom, before entering the institution, were denied the love and the care of father or mother, and more often than not actually deserted and literally thrown away.

It is in many cases due to the Christ-like sympathy of the faithful assistants here, who are in constant contact with child rearing as well as institutional and domestic government, that the work has achieved so substantial a degree of success in the maintenance of good health and the orderly conduct of the children of the institution.

MAINTENANCE

Our agricultural schedule indicates that the yields from the farm and truck fields of the Orphanage have been gratifying and satisfactory, both as to the training afforded the children who were assigned to the different phases of the work as well as to the quantity and quality



of the product and the result of which has served a splendid supplementary adjunct, as it were, to the annual appropriation made to the Orphanage by our great and sympathetic State, and to the substantial support and relief rendered by the powerful and Christian-hearted Duke Endowment, along with valuable outside gifts from other sources donated to the work from time to time.

Although our agricultural fields are small, rough and broken, we plant and cultivate the different crops according to the plans and modern methods of farming. The harvest supplies valuable relief and support to the crying demand for food, for any family which turns over and furnishes nearly 900 plates per day, should be proud, and for proof that such plates afford health, satisfaction and plenty, attention is invited to the robust, good looking, hale and hearty boys and girls.

During the dry and famishing summer of 1930, which brought great losses to a number of good farmers in our section, the Orphanage was favored with more than average crops, having produced over 200 barrels of corn, peas, potatoes, turnips,—in fact, all varieties of farm and trucking crops, with pleasing and valuable results, and including splendid crops of forage of nearly all kinds for the live stock.

Now, as to the work which the children are called upon to put into the farm and into the other activities of the plant, we will say, we have learned from experience that there must be, for the proper advancement and development of these or any large group of children, some active and recreational employment. This is necessary, due to the fact that after being in confinement eight or nine months in the school and class rooms, it is of paramount importance to engage the hundreds of different unsettled and restless little human minds in some constructive and helpful phases of endeavor. Therefore, in view of the fact that the work required on the farm or in the several departments of the institution is light and easily performed, and besides the fruit of this labor which not only helps to feed and clothe the children themselves, but



GIRLS' DORMITORY

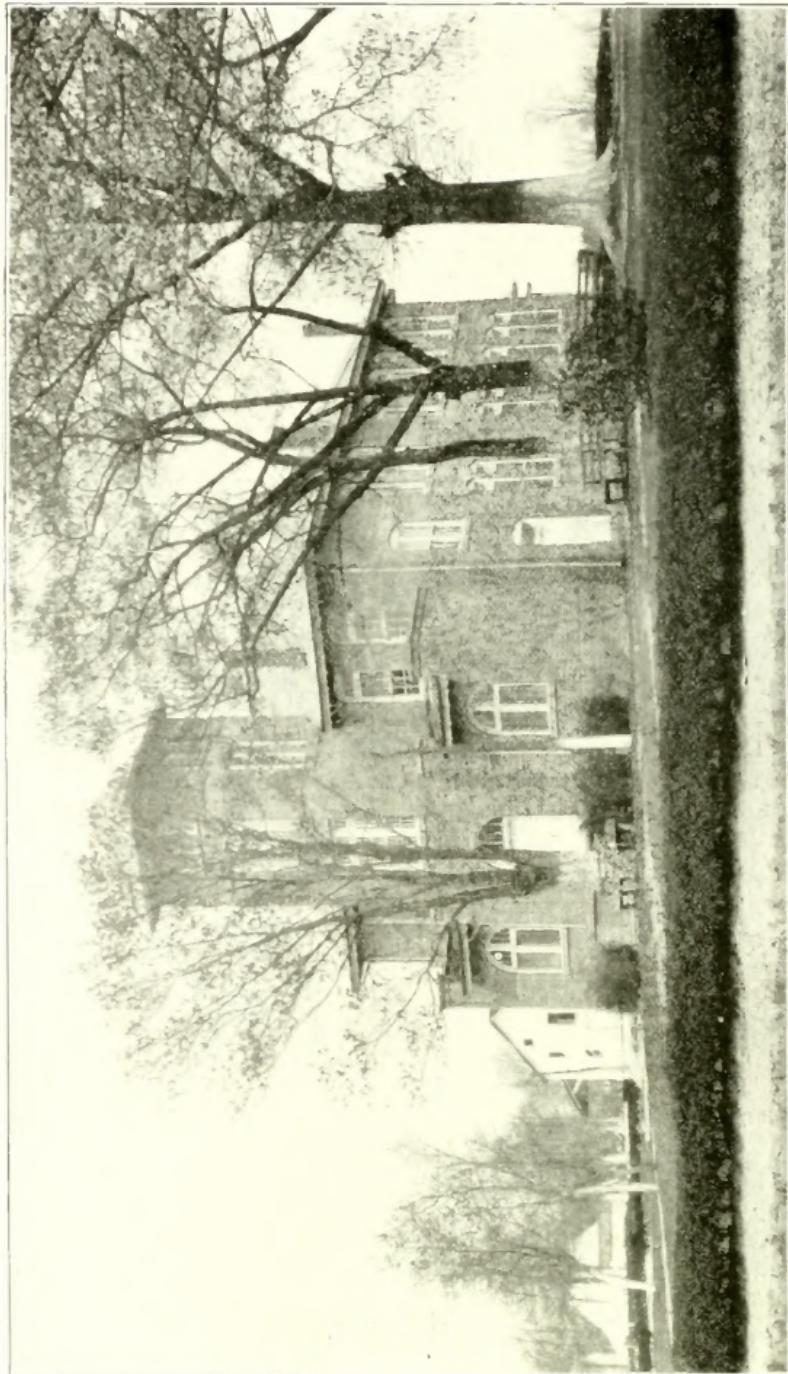
the experience resulting from this training assures a profitable gain to each child, why not, then, allow them to seize and take advantage of these opportunities, which provide for them a chance to grow away from the atmosphere of the ignorant, lazy and good-for nothing groups, previously encountered which infest the streets and highways almost everywhere?

Our schedule for child labor here is pleasant and harmless. The children are divided into squads, according to age, size and capacity. The results attained, in spite of the fact that the children are unskilled and without prior training, have been such as to cause observance on the part of the people of the community, among whom it is a common saying that "The Orphanage is really a live and active workshop, with little artisans of many minds and different temperaments, but nevertheless always ready to attempt the job assigned them, without dread of the labor involved, and ever in high hopes of the possibility of a thrill in the game somewhere along the line." This feeling and tendency, particularly on the part of the boys, work out most favorably and help to cultivate vim and hearty industrial activity among them.

SPIRITUAL AND DEVOTIONAL TEACHING

Religious services are held mornings and evenings in each of the dormitories of the institution, with Sunday School in the morning and services in the evening on the Sabbath. The children are taught to read the Bible, the passages in which are made clear to them, and they plunge into the services most wholeheartedly at all of the meetings. It is inspiring to hear them sing, and to note the fervor with which even the smallest tots join in the hymns, especially if the song is one they have heard before and know, at least the tune.

We are sure that you Gentlemen of the Board of Directors will be pleased to learn that leading and distinguished Ministers of the Gospel, of both races and from all parts of our State, visited the institution during the year and gave freely of their time, remaining to



CHAPEL

deliver inspiring speeches and sermons to the children, as well as profound and encouraging utterances regarding the work. These visits were of great help to the children, and indeed deeply appreciated by the entire institution.

We have children here from all sections of our great State, and it would surprise the average person to know the friendly sentiment and high esteem in which this institution is held by the good people of all communities. The word, which comes from children who have completed the courses and their period of training here, is most gratifying indeed, for practically without exception they report a favorable attitude and impression of the work on the part of the people of both races in the sections to which they return.

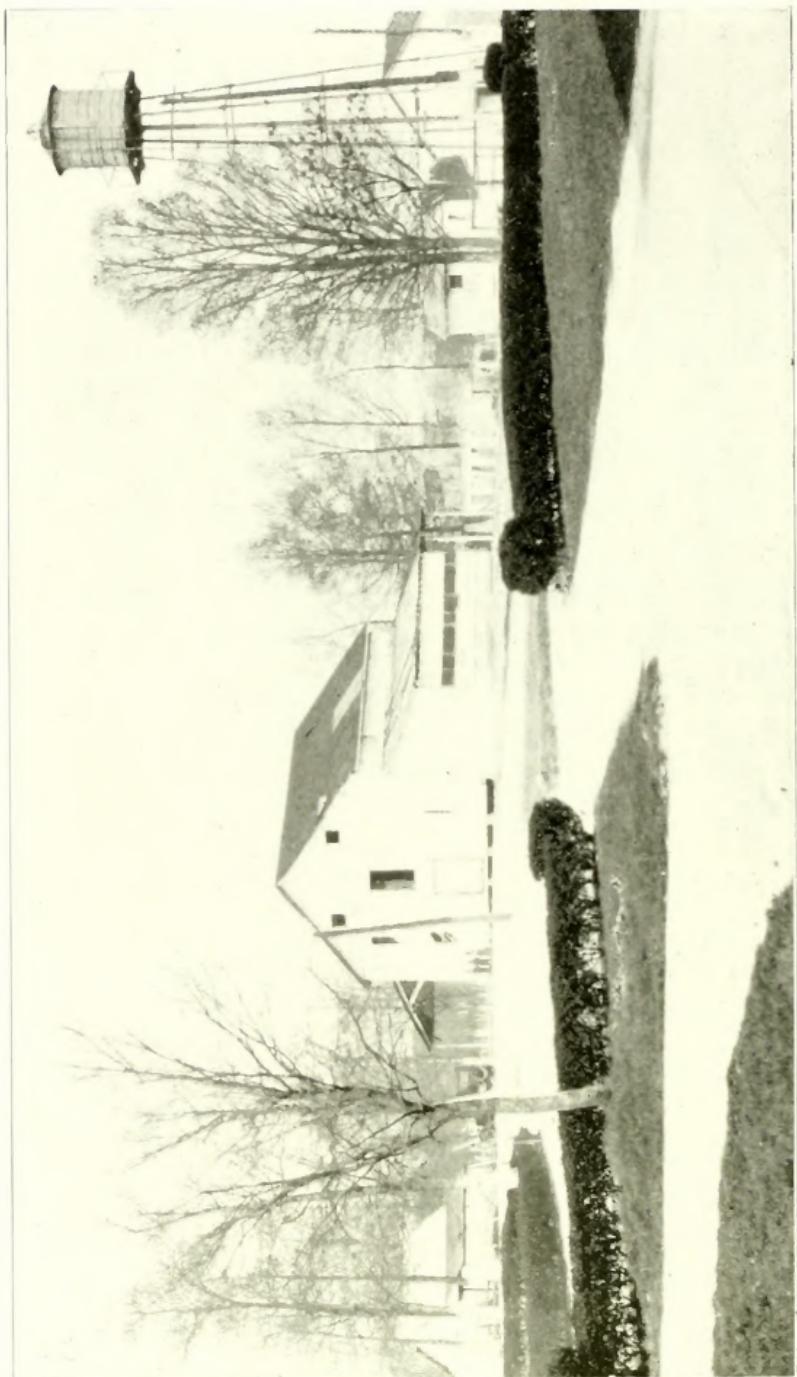
OUTDOORS AND DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES

Although the children of this Orphanage engage in beneficial and healthful activities along with their industrial outdoors training, it is our belief that if they wrought well in these activities while here, other avenues will likewise bring adequate and profitable returns to them. It is consequently our effort to bring into play the dormant youthful talents of the children, to the end that each may have the opportunity to develop along the line for which they appear to be best fitted by nature.

In other words, Gentlemen of the Board, we realize that after all the goal for which we are so eagerly striving, and the tender and vital point of our objective, is the basic principle of human betterment,—the foundation of any and all achievements, and the utmost that even the most powerful humanitarian organization on earth can hope to accomplish.

SCHOOL-ROOM AND DORMITORY DISCIPLINE

Our school work during the year has again been full of fruitful events and on a par with the splendid sessions of the past, of which we can consistently boast since the modern and completely equipped Angier B. Duke Memorial School Building became available to the institution.



GROUP OF FARM AND IMPLEMENT BUILDINGS

Classes began as usual on September 5th, continuing pleasantly and beneficially through the year until the 8th of May, when the school sessions closed. We were again fortunate in having a thoroughly competent and capable faculty of teachers, who took great interest not only in the text-book training of the children, but in supplementing the work of the matrons in helping to supply that lack of home training which is inevitable in an institution of this kind, considering the sources from which the little ones come, a condition affording the really conscientious and industrious teacher the opportunity to accomplish vast good far beyond the classroom work throughout the entire sessions in directing, explaining and adjusting shortcomings and the like which ordinarily form a part of the home training of the child.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

The total number of children enrolled in the different grades, as well as those promoted at the end of the school year to the next grade, is shown below as follows:

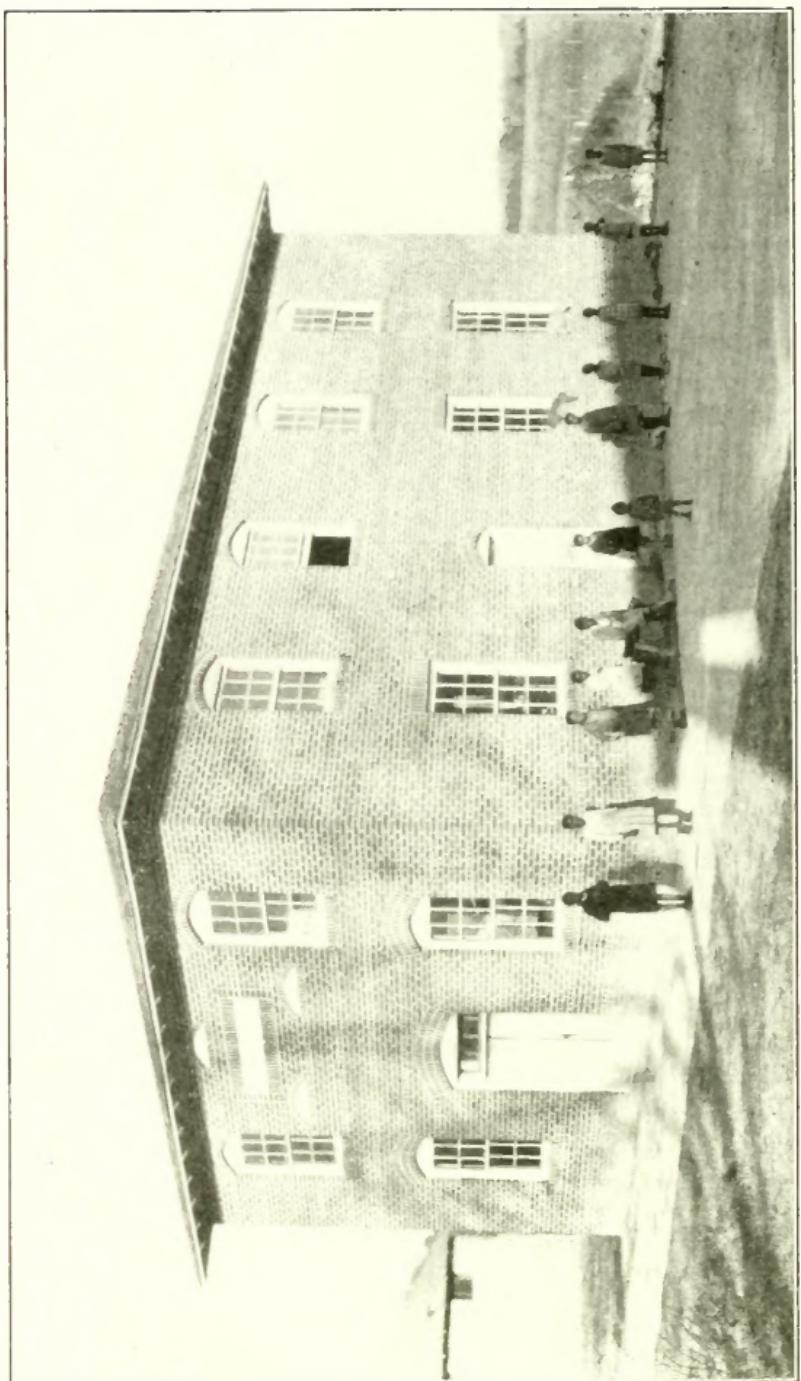
	No. in Grades	Promoted
Kindergarten -----	32	20
First Grade -----	27	25
Second Grade -----	36	34
Third Grade -----	44	41
Fourth Grade -----	42	40
Fifth Grade -----	20	18
Sixth Grade -----	18	15
Seventh Grade -----	9	6

In addition to the foregoing enrollment in our own school, nineteen children of the Home who had completed the grades here attended the City High School at the Mary Potter School in Oxford.

SANITATION AND HEALTH BUILDING

During the year the work of installing new and improved sanitary equipment was completed in the various school departments and dormitories of the plant. Not only has the result been of untold service in the form of greater convenience, but of even greater value because of the fact that these improvements are conducive to far

MODERN STEAM LAUNDRY



of the better health conditions and represent the superior advantages to be had in consequence of this modern sanitation installation.

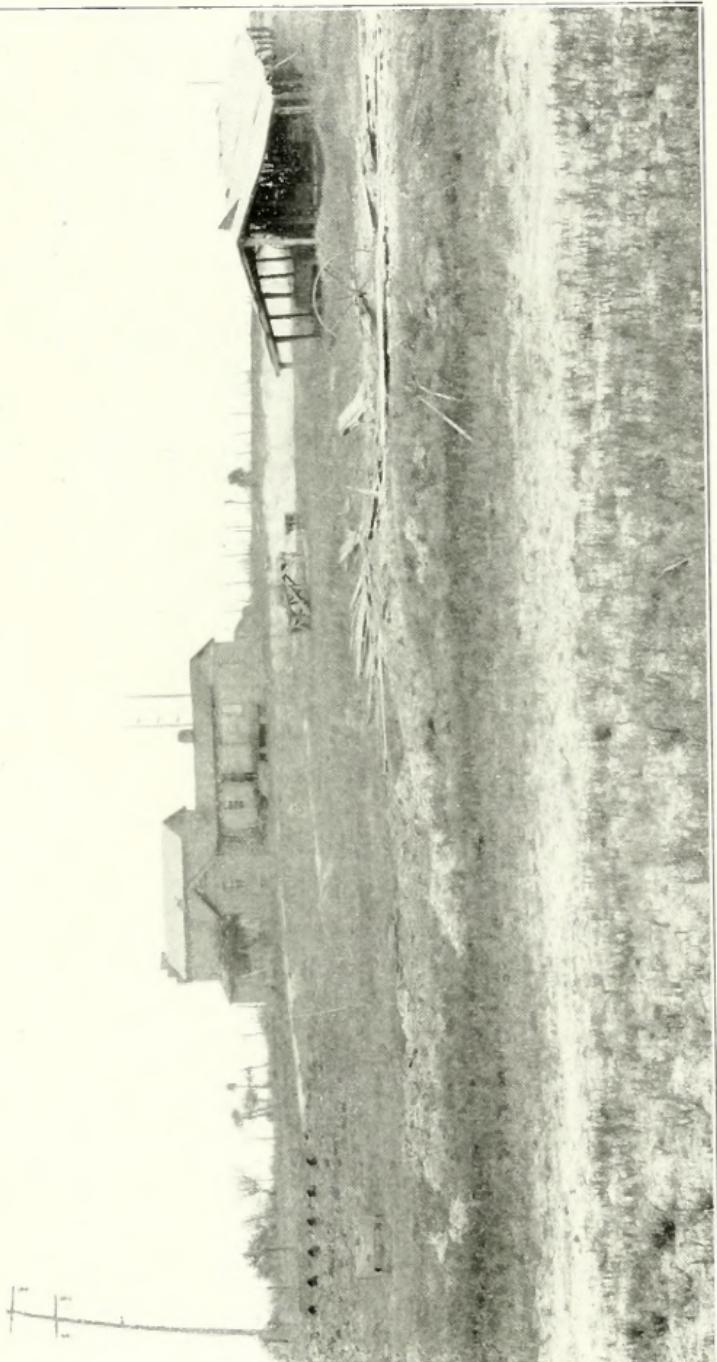
The agents of the State Board of Health of North Carolina who have visited and inspected the Orphanage in the past, before these improvements and modern sanitation equipment had been made possible, would now be gratified at the showing it is possible for us to make. Not long since these inspections were followed by expressions more or less of fear and uncertainty as to whether it would ever be possible for the institution to provide modern sanitary equipment as required by law to assure the maximum in the way of cleanliness and healthful conditions, particularly taking into consideration our distance from the city of Oxford and consequent inability to enjoy the advantage of its water supply and sewage disposal systems. But I am confident that these friends would now greet us with smiles of approval and satisfaction, leaving with the implied 100% tribute of "Well done thou good and faithful servant". Particularly would this be the case after a survey had also been made of the entire campus, the dormitories, class-rooms, dining hall and kitchen, as well as the walks, driveways, water drains, etc. In fact, the sanitary and drainage improvements made throughout the plant will now unquestionably entitle the institution to a high rating.

We feel very grateful for this accomplishment, as it is our firm belief that the "Great Architect", the author of all perfect humanitarian plans and designs, is gratified with the efforts, the plans and the arrangements made on this earth, however humble they may be, for the easement of the ills and making happier the lot of the little beginners who constitute the great human life of mankind.

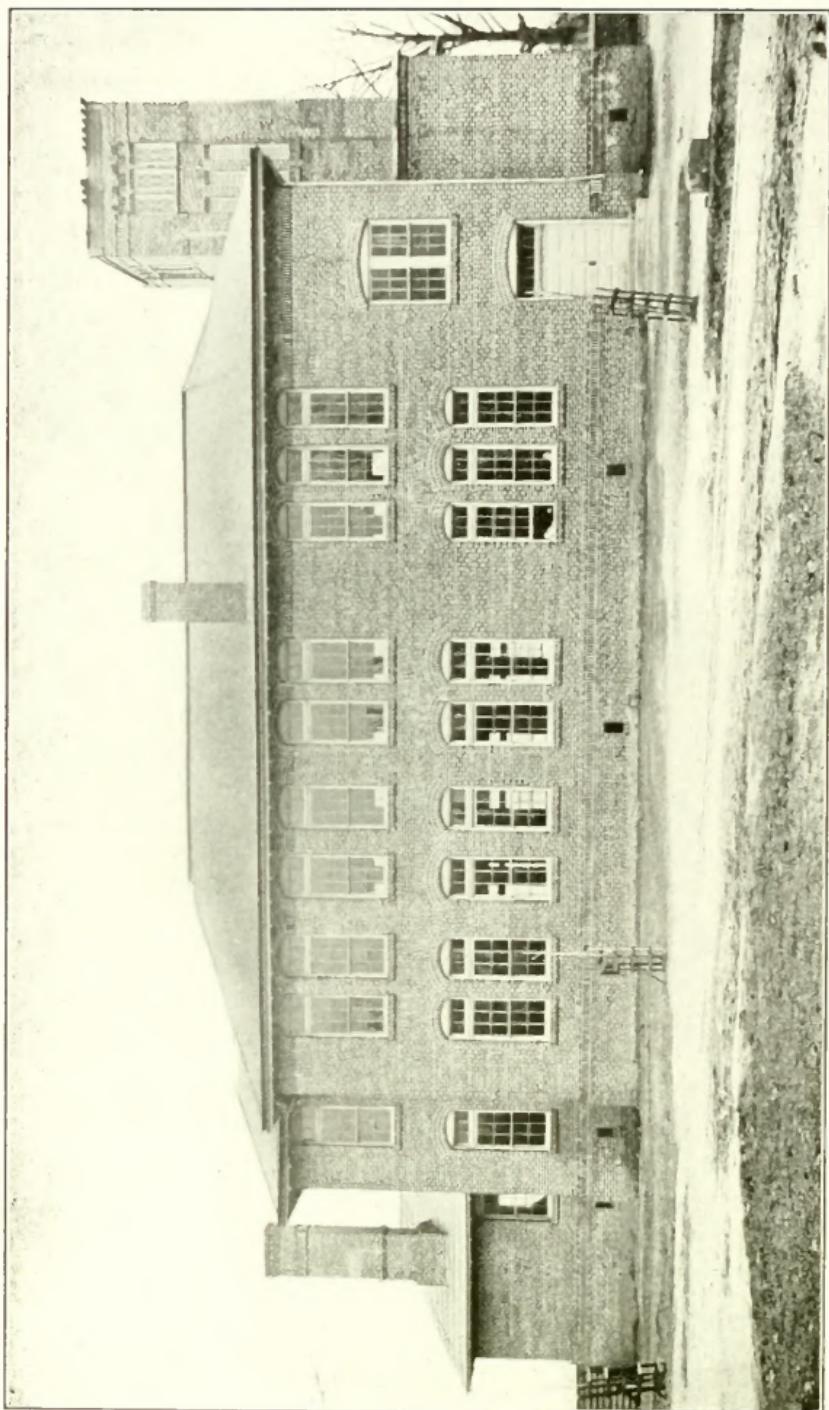
CONTRIBUTIONS

During the course of the year the institution was remembered with donations from conventions, societies and individual friends of the work as follows:

Anniversary Day receipts on grounds-----	\$ 200.00
Anniversary Day collections in Chapel-----	43.00
Anniversary Day gifts by friends in Oxford-----	35.00
Dr. S. H. Cannady, Oxford, N. C.-----	4.00
Mr. H. B. Hicks, Henderson, N. C.-----	10.00
Mr. Henry Allen-----	7.00
Anonymous -----	5.00
Shiloh Association -----	25.00
Granville County Ministers and Deacons Union-----	20.00
Missionary Sisters (Collection by Mrs. M. C. Ransom)-----	25.00
Mr. Wade -----	11.50
Mr. Andrew Howell -----	1.00
Vance County S. S. Convention (by Mr. D. J. Marrow)-----	10.00
Middle Association (by Rev. McKnight)-----	26.00
Shiloh Association -----	147.00
Prof. W. G. Pearson, Durham, N. C., Thanksgiving Gift-----	5.00
Mr. Hill Hunter, Greensboro, Thanksgiving Gift-----	25.00
Mr. Crawford Knott, Oxford, Thanksgiving Gift-----	5.00
Mr. W. H. A. Stallings, Edenton, Thanksgiving Gift-----	1.00
Mrs. Royster Wiggins, Oxford, Thanksgiving Gift-----	3.00
Mr. T. C. Harris, Oxford, Thanksgiving Gift-----	2.50
Mr. C. S. Easton, Oxford, Thanksgiving Gift-----	5.00
Mrs. Walter S. House, Thanksgiving Gift-----	1.00
Miss Esther L. Fleming, Stem, N. C., Thanksgiving Gift-----	2.20
Mr. E. C. McCulloch, Wilmington, N. C., Thanksgiving Gift -----	10.00
Ministers and Deacons Union, Oxford, N. C.-----	20.20
S. J. Sloan and Nora Freeman, Abbottsburg, N. C.-----	3.25
Mr. Frank O. Sherrell, Charlotte, N. C.-----	10.00
Kester Mfg. Co., High Point, N. C.-----	15.00
First Baptist Church (Col.), Oxford, N. C.-----	5.00
Mrs. Neva Jackson, for Missionary Society-----	8.10
Miss Ione Yancey, Oxford, N. C.-----	2.50
Capt. W. H. White-----	5.00
Ministers and Deacons Union, Penn Ave. Baptist Church-----	7.00
Ministers and Deacons Union, New Light Bapt. Church-----	8.07
Franklin County S. S. Convention-----	15.00
Baptist Meeting at Lewis Station Baptist Church-----	5.41



BRICK YARD, SAW MILL AND GRIST MILL
(All Rough Lumber, Framing and Brick for All Buildings Made Here)



DINING HALL

CONCLUSION

Therefore, Gentlemen of the Board of Directors, may we not remind ourselves of the fact that, in this work, although it may be unknown, to an extent to some of us, we are planting and cultivating little human twigs in a vineyard, whose harvest, when reaped, is far beyond material markets, whose wonderful creation and great purpose are eternal! The outlook for the future is bright, and yet it is inevitable that increasingly difficult obstacles will be met, with the whole world in the throes of economic depression and all humanity called upon, in consequence, to tighten its belt, as it were, and struggle all the harder to revive normal conditions. We therefore approach the future with this thought in mind, and believe that with a complete and thorough cooperation with our various State and civic bodies, whose function it is to devise ways and means whereby the different activities of all sections may be carried on uninterruptedly despite prevailing conditions, that it is going to be possible to maintain our normal rate of advancement, or in any event to at least hold our own and resist the tendency to slide backward so characteristic of a period of depression. Our entire organization is working to this end, as a solid unit, hand in glove, with a profound belief that success will crown our efforts during the coming year.



BENJ. N. DUKE MEMORIAL DORMITORY

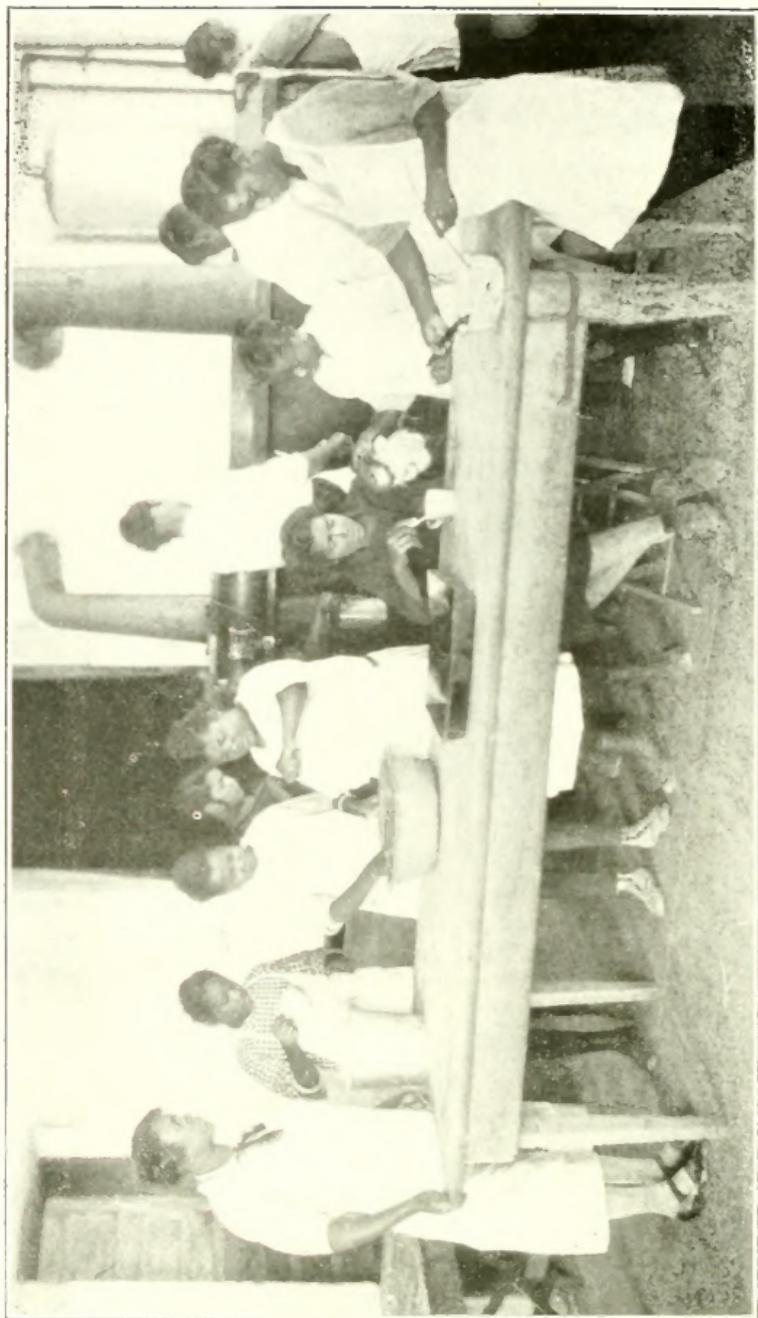
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF
 THE COLORED ORPHANAGE
 OXFORD, N. C.

July 1, 1930 to July 1, 1931

	July 1, 1929 to July 1, 1930	July 1, 1930 to July 1, 1931
July 1, 1929—Balance-----	\$ 960.84	July 1, 1931—Bal. \$ 192.31
State Appropriations -----	27500.00	27500.00
Hire of Boys-----	1461.75	388.30
Investments -----	142.82	647.68
Duke Endowment -----	5176.32	6707.51
Religious Organizations ---	332.31	306.17
Farm -----	219.25	797.13
Fraternal Organizations---	36.25	
Miscellaneous Contributions--	365.15	361.91
Temporary Loans -----	7050.00	9000.00
H. P. Cheatham, Supt.-----	5320.85	3888.60
	\$48565.54	\$49789.61

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries -----	\$11752.03	\$11999.39
Food -----	5150.92	6629.91
Clothing -----	1828.81	508.49
Transportation -----	578.58	481.92
Lights, Fuel and Power---	1482.17	1841.49
Improvements -----	4266.98	1834.00
Repairs and Replacements--	1546.79	3897.70
Additional Livestock -----	200.00	
Supplies -----	5172.85	5256.07
Equipment -----	775.80	
Insurance -----	1088.99	570.73
Telephone and Telegraph--	156.13	148.93
Interest -----	895.38	771.48
Miscellaneous -----	100.00	
Land -----	1000.00	1000.00
Temporary Loan -----	6871.00	9000.00
Conference Expenses -----	53.80	44.30
H. P. Cheatham, Supt.-----	5453.00	3973.89
Replacing Livestock -----		343.48
New Equipment -----		850.80
July 1, 1930—Balance-----	192.31	July 1, 1931—Bal. 637.03
	\$48565.54	\$49789.61



DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLASS

STATE LIBRARY OF NORTH CAROLINA



3 3091 00747 7557

